

## SAVING HIMSELF BELIEVED TO BE BANNERMAN PLAN

British Premier's Fortunes Said to Be Now in Balance.

LONDON, June 8.—It is believed that an early dissolution of parliament and a general election early in 1908, the issues being home rule and the reform of the house of lords, is to be the result of the weak leadership of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, premier and head of the Liberal party. Only a few weeks of the session remain and no autumn session is expected.

In an effort to save his administration, it is believed the premier will stake his fortunes on the resolution on reform of the house of lords to be moved June 17 or 24.

In the sudden decision of King Edward and Queen Alexandra to go to Ireland for a state visit, the Tories see a plan of the premier to recover some of the ground he has lost.

Candid critics among his followers tell him that, if he cannot furnish a more vigorous leadership, the disintegration of the big Liberal parties of men will proceed quite as rapidly as the Tories are predicting. The premier is reminded by a liberal organ in the province that his "chronic smile on the frost-bench" in the house of commons is not becoming to a statesman who has "accomplished nothing but disaster."

He is threatened with desertion by the non-conformists, who are enraged at his failure to introduce "an educational relief" bill during the present session, and he is confronted with Irish disorders so serious that a distinguished Irish judge declares that large parts of Ireland are "in the worst state of disruption I have ever known."

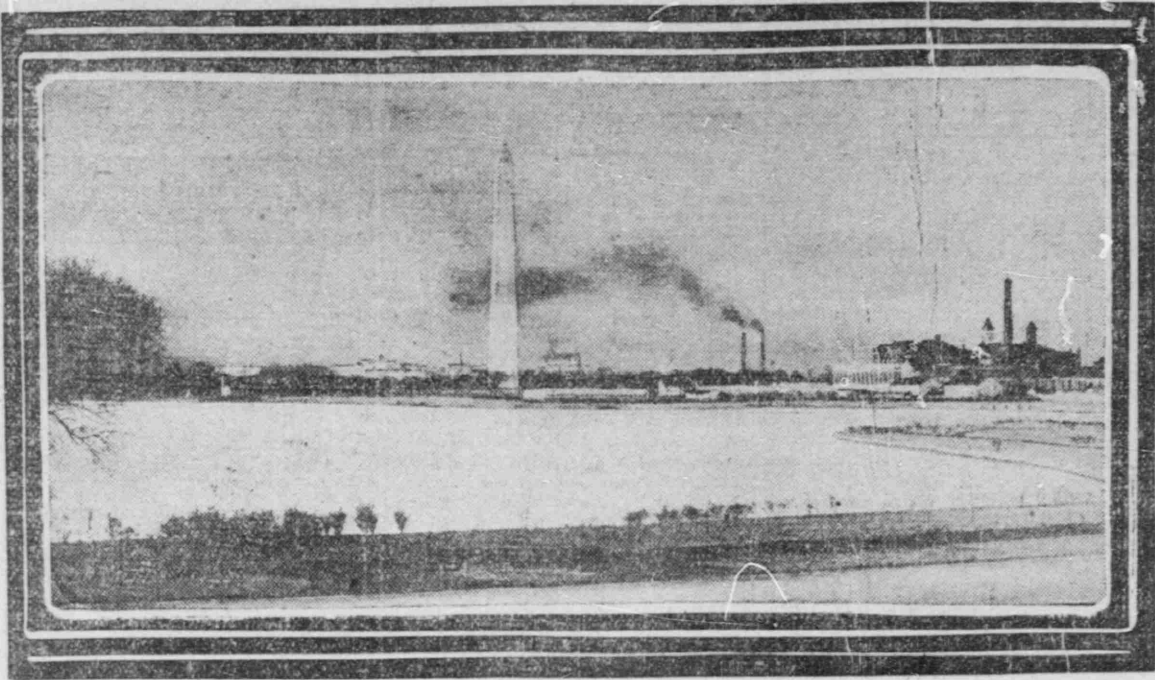
## YOUNG NOBLEMEN GLAD TO BECOME CHAUFFEURS

PARIS, June 8.—In France the position of chauffeur is now considered to be one that younger and impecunious sons of good families may accept without compromising their social position. The pay is better than that which they could earn in any other occupation, and as they always have a subordinate to do the rough work of cleaning, young gentlemen find this quite an agreeable occupation.

A young baron who recently got rid of the whole of his fortune in a very short time after obtaining his majority has now accepted the position of chauffeur to the Princess Guy de Faurigny-Lucinge, and declares he is very happy and comfortable.

THE BRINY IS WELL WIRED.  
Within the last fifty years more than 20,000 miles of cable have been laid on the bottom of the sea.

## CAMERA CATCHES LAW VIOLATORS; SMOKE INSPECTORS BRING CHARGES



## Electric Power Plant Photo Started New System.

The Health Department in its crusade against the smoke nuisance and the violation of the smoke law has found great difficulty in convicting offenders by reason of the weakness of the evidence submitted to the courts.

When the Smoke Inspector brings the charges he is generally the only witness for the Government.

Not to be outdone, the Health Officer has adopted a new policy to secure evidence that is convincing and leaves no possible chance of contradiction. The camera snaps the picture, and the photograph is submitted as evidence. The accompanying cut shows a snap-shot taken of the Potomac Electric Power plant from long range, which resulted in the conviction of that corporation for violating the smoke law and caused them to pay a fine of more than \$300 on several charges.

## REVIVAL OF THE WHISKER.

The conspiracy against whiskers is world-wide. Despite all the coartumery poured out on them they have secured a foothold—or, rather, a facehold—in London, and are being quite freely worn, principally by those of the younger set who are not quite able to raise them without a few cases showing on the sand. The waiters in the hotels and restaurants in Paris have been striking for the right to wear them, and it is freely predicted in New York circles that the smooth-faced, pallid American type is on his last legs and will shortly show up bearded like a pard, whatever that may be.—Minneapolis Journal.

## NOBLE'S FAMILY ON VIEW AT FETE

Princesses and Princes Aid Charity in Novel Way.

ROME, June 8.—Twenty princes and princesses, the offspring of one father, were on view at the annual fete at Caperna, Tuscany, a popular religious event. The record princely family was that of Don Robert de Bourbon, ex-Duke of Parma and Piacenza, who brought to the fete his nine sons and eleven daughters. They all took their places on a decorated platform, erected especially to show the people the most numerous noble family in Italy.

The duke was accompanied by his second wife, the Infanta Maria Antonia, of Portugal, the mother of eleven of his children. The remaining nine are the fruit of his first marriage with the Sicilian princess Maria Pia.

The eldest of the princely brood is Princess Luisa, who is thirty-five, and the list closes with her baby half-brother, Prince Gaetano, born in 1905. Only one of the family is married, Prince Ella having wedded an Austrian archduchess in 1903, and now has three children. The patriarch of this remarkable family is only fifty-nine years old.

## MME. MERELLI INJURED BY LION

Attacked as She Did Her "Act," Lying in the Cage.

PARIS, June 8.—Mme. Merelli, the talented companion and evil genius of Galley, whose sensational trial for robbing the largest bank in France is still in the minds of all, has been wounded by a lion at a show where she was giving a performance.

Her "turn" was to lie extended on a couch, dressed in a magnificent Eastern robe and her hair sparkling with diamonds, between two lionesses. She had already appeared twice, but the third time something seemed to have offended one of the lionesses, which was morose and ill-tempered. Hardly had the curtain gone up than the animal made a dash at Mme. Merelli, and, fixing its teeth in her thigh, tried to tear her to pieces.

Mme. Merelli was so horror-stricken and so dazed by the suddenness of the attack that she could not do anything to defend herself. The trainer, Mack, hurried to her assistance, and she was gotten out of the cage, but not before she was terribly injured.

## THOUGHT MOTHER KIDNAPED FOR 4 YEARS; FINDS HER DEAD

BRIDGEPORT, Ohio, June 8.—A strange tale came to light here today when Mrs. Jane Hooperage, of Pittsburgh, Pa., standing beside the bier of her dead mother, Mrs. Martha Hoar, a prominent woman of this city, said that her mother had been kidnaped from Pittsburgh four years ago; that she herself one year ago received a mysterious message announcing the death of her mother; that she believed her mother had long since died or been murdered until she came here yesterday and examined the corpse.

She further stated that a sister of hers, Mrs. D. W. Heldy, formerly of Cleveland, and three of her brothers are likewise strangely missing. Mrs. Hooperage told her story at the home of John Dean of Lansing, near here, where the funeral of Mrs. Hoar occurred this afternoon. The body was buried at Linwood Cemetery. It had been shipped to Dean's residence from the Belmont county infirmary yesterday morning. Previous to its arrival here, Dean received a telegram from the infirmary announcing the death of Mrs. Hoar, his wife's grandmother. There was nothing about the corpse to indicate that she had died from any but natural causes.

Mrs. Hoar had been a resident of Bridgeport up until eight years ago, when she went to Pittsburgh to live with her daughter, Mrs. Hooperage. Immediately upon receipt of the information of her grandmother's death, Mrs. Dean sent a telegram to her aunt, Mrs. Hooperage, telling her to come here at once. Mrs. Hooperage arrived here yesterday evening. When told that her mother was lying dead in the house, she nearly collapsed.

"My mother! My mother was stolen from me four years ago and died or was murdered one year ago," she cried.

She refused to believe what her niece told her until she personally examined the corpse and found it was really that of her mother.

## "BUILDERS" DEBATE AFFIRMATIVES WIN

The "Builders," an organization formed from the Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Protestant Church, held its regular meeting at the residence of L. Emory White, 224 First street north-west, Friday evening. After the regular business was transacted there was a debate, the subject being, "That France was a greater country than Germany."

The debaters were, for the affirmative, Messrs. Burley and Hall, and for the negative H. Burley and Harvey. Both sides gave a good argument, and at some time the judges came to the conclusion that the affirmative had given the best debate. The judges were W. J. White, Washington, and J. P. Graham and Thomas White, of the Bloomingdale Club.

It was decided to give one more debate, the subject to be "That the battle of Yorktown was more important than the battle of Saratoga." Messrs. Hall and Spiedie will have the negative to look after, while Messrs. Johnson and Cross will have to take up the affirmative and of it.

After the debate the following partook of the refreshments that Mrs. White had prepared: G. A. Weber, I. Hall, F. Dowel, R. Gladen, A. Burley, C. Taylor, C. Weeks, H. Burley, C. Cross, E. Jones, E. Johnson, H. Ivy, L. Jones, Elmer Murray, W. Burley, F. Spiedie, and E. White.

## PRESIDENT SAVES LANDS IN CARBON COUNTY, MONT.

A proclamation was signed by the President yesterday throwing into the public domain 12,500 acres of land in Carbon county, Montana, from the Pryor mountain forest reserve.

## BOIS DE BOULOGNE SUNRISE PARTIES

PARIS, June 8.—A unique automobile service is to be organized in Paris, which is to be called the "Montmartre-Pre Catelan Sunrise Excursion." By its means the most beautiful spot in the whole of the Bois de Boulogne, Pre Catelan, will become even more popular and frequented than it is at the present time.

At 4 o'clock in the morning a large van capable of holding twenty-five persons will leave this charming spot, and, making a tour round this fascinating, gay, and frivolous quarter of Montmartre, will return to the Pre Catelan, where a substantial American breakfast will be served.

"Meet me in the Bois de Boulogne at sunrise" has now become the catchword of the season, and many persons are accepting the invitation and enjoying the experience.

## WHOOING COUGH GERM DISCOVERED BY SAVANT

BERLIN, June 8.—The well-known Vienna physician, Dr. Henry Albrecht, professor of anatomy and surgery at the Wilhelmine Hospital, states that he has succeeded in discovering the bacillus which causes whooping cough.

The parasite greatly resembles the bacillus causing grip, or, rather, is almost identical with it. The professor discovered the bacillus several months ago, but did not inform anyone of his discovery until now, when he has found a serum which will cure the dread disease which costs so many children their lives.

Berlin hospitals will have some of the serum to experiment with at the beginning of the next week.

## WALES PRINCESS FOND OF WINDSOR

Frequently Motors Down to Neighborhood to See Her Garden.

LONDON, June 8.—The Princess of Wales is becoming more and more attached to the neighborhood of Windsor, and often during the past few weeks she has motored from town down to her place at Frogmore just to see how "the garden is getting on."

Few people are aware of the fact that the princess has a perfect detestation of public functions, such as the laying of foundation stones and the opening of public buildings. Of late she has taken the deepest interest in the history of Windsor Castle and has spent hours poring over the books in the castle library.

But her gardening and her children are her chief joys, and if she had not her burdensome duties to perform, she would divide her time between the cottage near Sandringham and Frogmore. In her household the princess is worshipped as the kindest of mistresses, but she deliberately puts herself in the background as far as the public is concerned, knowing that she can never be so popular as her mother-in-law, the ever-youthful Queen Alexandra.

At present the princess' chief concern is her boy at the Naval College at Osborne, from whom she receives daily letters, which keep the whole household in a state of amusement. In one of his recent letters Prince David remarked that he was putting on weight, and would soon be able to knock the stuffing out of another boy, whom he mentioned by name.

## DECREE WORRIES WEST VIRGINIA

RICHMOND, Va., June 8.—Since the action of the United States Supreme Court in overruling the demurrer of West Virginia in the Old Dominion debt settlement case, the editors of the Mountain State have suddenly awakened to the fact that West Virginia may find herself in a pretty deep financial hole at the end of the litigation. The papers now are teeming with articles on the subject, and nearly all of these show signs of decided uneasiness.

At least one editor in Charleston calls upon the West Virginia officials for a candid statement as to how matters stand, and expresses the opinion that if signs point to West Virginia losing the suit efforts should forthwith be made to compromise matters.

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